

BWGMHA Blue and Gold Early Bird Tournament
Minor Atom, Atom, Minor Peewee, Peewee
September 18 to September 20 th

Rules and Regulations

This Tournament shall be played under O.M.H.A and/or C.A.H.A / O.H.F rules. The tournament committee reserves the right to make decisions regarding the interpretation of the rules and all decisions of the committee will be final.

Teams by submitting a registration form **agree** and must be prepared to play their first game starting at 8:00 am. on Friday if they are scheduled to play. The tournament committee will do its best to honour requests from out of town teams for later start times however there is **NO guarantee**.

All tournament entry fees must be paid in full before a team is allowed to compete. Final tournament positions will be assigned no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Entry fees are non-refundable after this time, unless your team was not selected. **No post-dated cheques will be accepted.**

Team officials must present their O.M.H.A or appropriate approved cards (for officials and players), along with a copy of their roster sheet and travel permit **one hour** prior to their first scheduled game. Registration will take place at the Community Centre/Bob Fallis arena. Tournament hosts will supervise the signing of game sheets before every game.

All teams must be ready to play 15 min. prior to their scheduled game time.

All teams will play a minimum of three (3) round robin games. Teams must bring two sets of sweaters. Home team to wear light coloured jerseys. Home and Visitors are designated on the tournament schedule. Teams may dress a maximum of 19 players for a game, two of which must be goalies.

Teams will be held responsible for any damage to dressing rooms and other arena facilities. Please report any damage to Tournament Officials before using the assigned dressing room. Team dressing room assignments will be posted on the board as you enter the arena. Tournament organizers, representatives and The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury are not responsible for lost or stolen articles. All teams participating in the tournament shall be responsible for their own insurance coverage.

All games will be played according to O.M.H.A. rules and regulations. Any player who receives a fighting major resulting in ejection from the game or a major penalty will be disqualified from the balance of the tournament. Any suspensions not completely served during the tournament will carry over to regular league play. O.H.F. min. suspension list is in effect.

All Players must wear CSA approved helmets, facemasks and BNQ neck protectors. Mouth guards are mandatory.

Tournament Game Times: 10x10x10

Semi Final Games Times: 10x10x10

Championship games will be 10X10X15.

There will be no time outs during regular round robin games. One 30 second time out is permitted per team in the semi final and final games only.

Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Teams will also earn points per period, 1 point for winning the period and ½ point for a tie. There are a maximum of 5 points per game.

In the event of a tie in points upon completion of the regular round robin, the tie-breaking procedure will be as follows:

The team having the best record against each other shall be awarded the higher position.

If still tied:

The team having the most wins shall be awarded the higher position.

If still tied:

Goals for and against

Eg: 10 goals for : 4 goals against = +6

If still tied:

The team having the lowest amount of penalties in the round robin games.

In playoff or championship games if the game is tied, a 5 minute sudden death overtime will be played. If still tied 3 players of each team will shoot out to determine the winner. If still tied after this one shooter from each team from each side will shoot to determine a winner. (shooter cannot shoot twice)

WILDCARD (if applicable) – will be selected to advance with the top divisional winners into semi final play.

-A wildcard team will be the second place team in divisional standings with the best records, as determined by total number of points.

-If a tie exists, goals for and goals against as per above

-if a tie still exists, the team having the lowest amount of penalties in the round robin games

-If a tie still exists, the team having scored the earliest goal in (a) their game against the divisional winner and (b) the next highest ranking team in their division and so on, in that order.

The tournament Committee shall decide on any rule in question during this tournament. Their decision shall be final. There will be no protests regarding a referee's penalty call.

The aim of the tournament is to provide an opportunity for the players to participate in a tournament that will increase their skills and promote good sportsmanship. The Bradford Bulldogs support the CHA/OHF Harassment and Abuse policy and expect that all players, coaches, managers, trainers and spectators will not create situations that are in opposition to this aim.

The score for a defaulted game shall be 3-0 for the non-offending team. No period points will be awarded.

Body checking is allowed in all but novice and atom divisions.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association assigns all referees to work the tournament games and is governed by the O.M.H.A. The Bradford West Gwillimbury tournament committee is independent of the O.M.H.A and has no say over who is assigned to referee.

We hereby enter the above mentioned tournament and agree to conform to the Tournament Rules and Regulations

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____